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SUBJECT:USA-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGREEMENT/PROJECT
V-2.1 PROTECTION OF NORTHERN ECOSYSTEMS

PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM DR.R.SKOOG,INTERIOR,
TO DR.V.DENISOV, MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WITH COPY TO DR.
YU. KAZAKOV, HYDROMET, AND ALSO TO SOROKHIN AND SOVIET
OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN ENERGY AGREEMENT.

1. DEAR DR. DENISOV: THEUSA WORKGROUP DELEGATION VISITING
MOSCOW 26 SEPTEMBER - 5 OCTOBER 1975 WILL CONSIST OF SIX
PEOPLE, AS FOLLOWS:

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A. DR. RONALD O. SKOOG, LEADER,

B. HAROLD T. JORGENSEN,
C. DR. JERRY BROWN,
D. DR. GEORGE C. WEST,
E. RAISA S. PETROFF (INTERPRETER), AND
F. MRS. LAURA L JORGENSEN (WIFE OF HAROLD JORGENSEN).
THE DELEGATION WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON FRIDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER
1975 AT 16:30 HOURS FROM LONDON VIA BRITISH AIRWAYS FLIGHT
672. I HAVE SUBMITTED THE VISA APPLICATIONS TO THE SOVIET
EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SENDING
THEM THE NECESSARY CLEARANCES FROM MOSCOW AT YOUR EARLIEST

CONVENIENCE. WE WILL NEED TO HAVE THEM IN HAND BY 23
SEPTEMBER 1975.

2. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE IN OUR ITINERARY TO SPEND A FEW
DAYS AT LENINGRAD? OUR GROUP HAS SOME SPECIAL INTERESTS IN
SOME OF THE SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTES THERE, AND WOULD LIKE TO
MEET SOME OF THE SOVIET SCIENTISTS WORKING IN LENINGRAD. FOR
EXAMPLE, I WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH TO MEET DR. TIKHOMIROV,
WHO AT ONE TIME, I BELIEVE, ACTUALLY WAS A MEMBER OF
THE WORKING GROUP. WE ALSO HAVE A STRONG INTEREST IN THE
SYMPOSIUM ON THE "PROTECTION OF THE POLAR ENVIRONMENT" TO
BE INCLUDED IN THE TWENTY-THIRD INTERNATIONAL GEOGRAPHICAL
CONGRESS, SCHEDULED FOR LENINGRAD 28 JULY - 3 AUGUST 1976.
I THINK WE COULD BENEFIT FROM DISCUSSING THE SYMPOSIUM WITH
DR. A.F. TRESHNIKOV, AND PERHAPS A FEW PAPERS COULD BE
PREPARED WITHIN OUR PROJECT V-2 FOR PRESENTATION AT THE
SYMPOSIUM.

3. I HEARD RECENTLY THAT THE SOVIET "PIPELINE" DELEGATION
NOW MIGHT WISH TO VISIT ALASKA IN OCTOBER INSTEAD OF THE 5-
21 SEPTEMBER PERIOD AS PLANNED. DR. FERRIANS HAS MADE ALL
ARRANGEMENTS NOW FOR THE SEPTEMBER VISIT, AND IT WOULD BE
VERY DIFFICULT TO CHANGE. YOU RECALL WE ORIGINALLY PROPOSED
A VISIT FOR EITHER SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER, AND THE SEPTEMBER
PERIOD WAS FAVORED AND TENTATIVELY AGREED UPON BY THE
SOVIET SIDE. ON THAT BASIS, HEARING NO FURTHER WORD AND
NEEDING TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PLANS, DR. FERRIANS PROCEEDED
WITH THE 5-21 SEPTEMBER DATES. WE STILL HAVE NO DEFINITE
ANSWER FROM THE SOVIET SIDE AND CANNOT CANCEL ARRANGEMENTS
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TILL WE RECEIVE NOTIFICATION. I WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATIVE,
DR. DENISOV, IF YOU COULD URGE THE SOVIET SIDE TO ACCEPT THE
SEPTEMBER DATES IF POSSIBLE, AND ADVISE US AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.

4. IN ANY CASE, SOVIET "PIPELINE" DELEGATION (ACTIVITY B-1
PERMAFROST-RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS POSED BY THE
CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF PIPELINES AND OTHER TRANSPORT

SYSTEMS) WILL NEED OPEN AIRPLANE TICKETS FOR TRAVEL IN USA AS FOLLOWS (AFTER ARRIVAL WASHINGTON FROM MOSCOW ON FRIDAY); WASHINGTON TO ANCHORAGE; ANCHORAGE TO FAIRBANKS; FAIRBANKS TO BARROW; BARROW TO PRUDHOE BAY; PRUDHOE BAY TO ANCHORAGE; ANCHORAGE TO NEW YORK; NEW YORK TO LEBANON(NEW HAMPSHIRE); AND LEBANON TO NEW YORK. DELEGATION WILL LEAVE NEW YORK FOR MOSCOW ON AEROFLOT'S SUNDAY FLIGHT. IN ADDITION THEY WILL BE EXPECTED TO PAY THE COSTS OF ALL THEIR MEALS AND HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS.

5. DR. ZABRODIN'S DELEGATION ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE AND THEIR VISIT IS PROCEEDING NICELY. THEY HAVE LOOKED AT REINDEER RANGES IN THE BROOKS RANGE AND ARCTIC SLOPE, FLOWN OVER LARGE HERDS OF WILD REINDEER, AND ARE NOW ON THE SEWARD PENINSULA TALKING WITH REINDEER HERDERS. WE ARE PLEASED TO HAVE THESE SOVIET REINDEER EXPERTS WITH US, AND THE PEOPLE IN ALASKA WILL BENEFIT FROM THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE.

6. I WILL BE LEAVING THE USA SOON FOR ZAIRE, AND WILL COME TO MOSCOW FROM AFRICA VIA LONDON. THEREFORE I WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IF ANY PROBLEMS SHOULD ARISE, BUT MY OFFICE CAN CONTACT ME IF NECESSARY. PLEASE ADVISE THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN MOSCOW, AND THEY WILL FORWARD YOUR MESSAGES. MY BEST REGARDS TO YOU, AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN MOSCOW SHORTLY. SKOOG INGERSOLL

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